GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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Washing of Coal
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether world wide appeal for developing new technique to wash coal has been made by the Government from the resourceful countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the quality of coal produced in the country is deemed pathetic in competitive quality of average coal produced at international level; and
(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the proposed plan to bring coal produced in the country at par with average coal produced at international level and the time limit prescribed to achieve the target of the said scheme in the regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : Global tenders are being floated for setting of coal washeries by CIL on Build-Operate-Maintain (BOM) basis. Providing technology suitable to the characteristics of coal to be washed is included in the terms of tender. Under India-Japan Energy Dialogue, 'Varyry Wave' Jig Technology for coal washing was established with the help of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) at Angul, Odisha. Indian technical officers have also been trained under capacity building programme for clean coal technologies i.e. Japan.

(b) : Indian coals are high in ash content compared to other countries like USA, China, Australia etc.

(c) : With a view to restrict transportation of high ash coals for Power, Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide notification dated 2/1/2014 has issued a directive for supplying coal of not more than 34% ash for thermal power stations located beyond 750 Kms. from pithead w.e.f. 1/1/2015 and that located beyond 500 Kms. from pithead w.e.f. 5/6/2016.

This stipulation is being met by the coal companies through coal crushing, sizing and washing wherever required.